Setting up of Wind Power Units in Tamil Nadu

1956. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTPC intends to set up wind power units in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and in which districts they would be set up; and

(c) whether Namakkal district would be included in this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) at present, National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) intends to set up a 20 MW wind power project **at** Sankaneri in Tirunelveli Distt, of Tamil Nadu.

Reduction in Subsidy on Power

1957. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated annual subsidy on power, State-wise during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether Government have initiated any steps for reduction of power subsidy substantially during the above period, and if so, the results thereof;

(c) the details of directives issued to the State Governments as part of II phase of reforms in power sector for reduction of subsidy and revision of power tariff; and

(d) what is the State Government's reaction thereto, and the action taken/proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) A statement showing estimated annual subsidy (agriculture and domestic sectors) on